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POETRY.

TAKE IT EASY.

Take it easy! life at longest
But a lengthened shadow is,
And the bravest as well as strongest
Dare not call to-morrow his!

Take it easy!—for to-day
All your plans of wisdom lay.
Take it easy! done with fretting,
Meet your neighbors with a smile,
From the rising sun to setting
Live the present all the while.

Take it easy! every vow
Make in reference to now.
Take it easy! what is hidden,
Or is wrong, or seemeth so,
Leave it as a thing forbidden,
Out of which a curse may grow!

Take it easy! never pry
Into what will cause a sigh.
Take it easy! daily turning
To the monitor within,
On its altar always burning
Keep an incense free from sin!

Take it easy! never fear
While you keep your conscience clear!
Take it easy! ever leaning
To the sides of truth and right;
Happiness from virtue gleaming,
Peace of mind from wisdom bright!

Take it easy! far at best
Life is but a sorry jest.

INDEPENDENCE.

Independence of mind can only be properly appreciated by those who possess it; and it is only such persons that are qualified to tell in what it consists; it proceeds from higher causes than most people imagine; it is an attribute of a noble mind; it is only to be found when the virtues are cherished and cultivated; it is the generous feeling of a mind conscious of its own rectitude; it proceeds from a firm reliance in the truth and propriety of a line of conduct which has been laid down. The man that steadily pursues a good end will do it fearlessly and without regard to the opinions of others; if he is satisfied in his own mind that he is laboring in the cause of Truth, of Virtue, of Religion, and of God.

It is this consciousness of the uprightness of his heart, that enables a man to assume that easy and graceful port which we designate independence of character. The man that is without fear of doing wrong, is also without the dread of reproof; and he who is conscious that his actions will meet with the approbation of high Heaven, is also assured that they will be approved by good men. The opposition and hatred which he encounters, and that will be by no means inconsiderable, will not disturb his quiet, but will pass him by as the idle wind, which he regards not. He considers that the malice which is poured out upon him proceeds not so much from bad intentions as from ignorance; that if people saw his motives, they could not condemn him—that if they could comprehend his actions, and penetrate to their ultimate effects, instead of condemning, they would be inclined to applaud;—then his worst enemies would be his best friends.

St. Paul was one of the bitterest enemies of Christ until his eyes were opened, then he became one of his most devoted followers.

In profane history, we have also numerous examples of men who, at one period of their lives were bitter enemies; at another, enthusiastic friends. The world is apt to ascribe these changes to selfishness or some bad motive. For my own part, I am inclined to think that they arise from sincere repulses, and that, in these respects, men really are as they seem to be.—ROBERT MASS.

BEGIN. The first step is the most important one.—Begin and the work is half accomplished. Daily away your time, dreaming of one thing and another, without attempting anything, and a score of chances to one that you do nothing. "It can't be done," said a thousand voices, when Fulton expressed the idea that by steam he could propel a boat up the Hudson. What consequences have not resulted from this trifling beginning. "It is idle to think of a such thing," was the cry of the multitude, when the immortal Clinton conceived the idea of the great Erie Canal. He began, and millions have been benefitted by the wonderful project. Begin then, and do something forthwith, ye who stand all the day idle. It is in vain to plan, unless you start your project. It is only by steady and persevering efforts that men make themselves independent, honored and immortal.

TOLERATION.

Deal meekly, gently with the hopes that guide
The faintest brother straying from thy side;
If right, they find thee true for thee own,
If wrong the verdict is to God alone!

THE MISANTHROPE.

He has a grief he cannot speak,
He weeps his hat away;
He blacks his boots but once a week,
And says he wants to die!

THE STORY TELLER.

From the Philadelphia Saturday Courier.
LEGENDS OF THE REVOLUTION.

BY GEORGE LIPARD.

THE APOSTLE TO THE NEW WORLD.

We are with the Past again.
Yes, we are yonder—far over the Ocean of Time, where the Ages, like islands of eternal granite, rear their awful forms.

At this hour, on the shores of the Delaware, just where the glorious river, rich with the tribute of mountain and valley, widens into a magnificent bay, at this hour, along yonder shore, on the slope of a gentle ascent, blooms a fair village, whose white houses rise in the summer air, from among gardens and trees. Away from this hamlet spreads fields, golden with wheat, or emerald green with Indian corn; away among these fields rank marshes wind here and there in all the luxuriance of their untamed verdure; away and away, from marsh, and field, and coast, and bay, green woods arise, their thick foliage sweeping into the summer sky.

A pleasant village, a glorious country a green island, and lordly bay.

Such it is now. But we will back into the past. We will wander into the shadows of ages. We will stand face to face with the dead.

There was a day when no village bloomed along this coast, nor white-walled farm-house arose from among the orchard trees. There was a day when, standing on this gentle ascent, you might look forth, and lo! the waves were dashing to your feet. Yonder is the green isle, yonder, far away, the dim line of land, which marks the opposite shore of the bay, and there heaving, and glistening, and roaring, the wide waters melt by slow degrees into the cloudy sky.

Look to the south! You behold the level coast—white and mingled with green reeds—the wide-spreading marsh—the thick woods, glorious with oak, and beech, and chestnut, and maple.—Enclosed in the arms of the green shore, the bay rolls yonder, a basin of tumultuous waves.

Is it noon: show your head you behold the leaden sky. It is noon, and lo! from the broad green of yonder marsh a pale column of blue smoke winds up into the clouds. It is noon, and hark! A shrill, piercing, hissing sound—a footstep—a form! A red man rushes from yonder covert, how in hand, while the stricken deer, with one proud bound, falls dead at his feet.

A column of blue smoke from the marsh—an arrow hissing through the air—a red man's form and a wounded deer? What does all this mean? Where are we now?

Hark! my friend, for we are now in Indian land. Hark! for we are now far back among the shadows of two hundred years.

Yet we will watch the motions of the Red Man. He stoops, with his hatchet of flint upraised, he stoops to inflict the last blow on the writhing deer, when his eye wanders along the surface of the bay. The hatchet drops from his hand—he stands erect, with parted lips and starting eyes, his hands half-raised, in a gesture of deep wonder. He stands on this gentle ascent, the waves breaking at his feet, the proud maple spreading its leaves overhead. He stands there, an Apollo, such as the Grecian artist never sculptured in his wildest dream, an Apollo, fashioned by the Living God, with a broad chest, faultless limbs, quivering nostrils and a flashing eye. No robes of rank upon that tawny breast, ah no! A single fold of panther's hide around the loins, graces, without concealing, the proportions of his faultless limbs.

Tell us—why stands the lone Indian, on this Delaware shore, gazing in mute wonder, across the sweep of yonder magnificent bay.

Look, yes, far over the waters, look! What see you there? The bay, its waves plumed with snowy foam; yes, the rolling, dashing, parting, bay, rushing from the horizon to the shore.—Look again, rude Red Man; what see you now? The Red Man cannot tell his thoughts; his breast heaves; he trembles from head to foot.

Strange—yes, terrible spectacle! A white speck gleams yonder on the horizon; it tosses into view, on that dim line where waves meet the sky. It enlarges, it spreads, it comes on gloriously over the waters!

The Red Man standing beneath the giant maple, chilled to his ruder heart with a strange awe. That white speck is dim and distant no longer. It is nearer now. It spreads forth huge wings of snow white; it displays a massive body of jet black; it comes on, this strange, wondrous thing, tearing the waves with its beak. Beak? Yes, for it is a bird, a mighty bird, sent by Manitto from the Spirit-Land, sent to save or to destroy!

Gloriously over the bay it comes. Larger and larger, yet it grows. White and beautiful spread its fluttering wings over the dark waters.

The Red Man sinks aghast. He prays. By the rustling in the leaves, by the voice of his own heart, he knows that Manitto hears his prayer. "The White Bird comes for good!"

Leaving the rude Indian to gaze upon the sight of wonder with his own eyes, let us also look upon it with ours.

A noble ship, dashing with wide-spread sails over the waters of the Delaware Bay! Such is the sight, which, two hundred years ago, excited wonder and awe of the rude Indian, who never beheld ship or sail before. Ship and sail had tossed and whitened along this bay full many a time before, but the Indian, dwelling in the fastness of impenetrable swamps, had never laid eyes upon this wondrous sight until this hour.

It is near the Indian, now. In comes dashing over the waters toward the island, triumphing over the waves, which roar and foam in its path.

Look! you can see the people on its deck, the sailors among its white wings. And now the anchor is cast overboard; there is the rude chant of the sailor's song; and a boat comes speeding over the waters, urged along by sinewy arms.

Yes, while the noble ship rides at anchor, under the shelter of yonder isle, that small boat comes tossing over the waters. It nears the spot where the Indian stands; he can see the bearded faces and strange costume of the sailors, he can see that Form standing erect in the prow of the boat.

That Form standing there under the leaden sky, with the uncovered brow, brow, bared to breeze and spray! Is it the form of a spirit sent by Manitto? The Indian sees that form—that face! He kneels—yes, beneath the maple tree, by the bleeding deer, tomahawk in hand, he kneels, gazing with fixed eyes upon that face.—As the boat comes near, let us look upon that face that form.

A man, in the prime of life, with the flush of manhood upon his cheek, its fire in his eye, attired in a brown garb, plain to rudeness, stands in the prow of the boat, as it comes dashing on.

And yet that Man is the Apostle of the Living God to the New World.

Yes, on a mission as mighty as that of Paul, he comes. His coat is plain, but underneath that plain coat, beats a heart, immortal with the pulsations of a love that grasps at all the human race.

He is an Apostle, and yet his eyes are not hollow, his cheeks not gaunt and cadaverous, his hair not even changed to grey. An Apostle with a young countenance, a clear blue eye, a cheek flushed with rose-bud hues, a brow, surrounded by light brown hair, a mouth whose red lips curve with a smile of angel-like love.

An Apostle with a manly form, massive chest, broad shoulders, and bearing, far beyond the majesty of kings.

He stands in the prow, his blue eye flashing as the boat nears land. Splash, splash—do you hear the oars? Hurrah—hurrah! How the waves shout as they break upon the beach.

The boat comes on, nearer and nearer. A swelling wave dashes over the dying deer, whilst the spray-drops wet the face of the kneeling Indian.

The keel greets the sand. For a moment that man with the fair countenance and elegant hair stands in the prow of the boat, his blue eyes upraised to God. For a moment he stands there, and behold! The clouds are severed yonder. A cusp of sunshine pours through their parting folds, and illumines the Apostle's brow. In that light he looks divine.

Say, through those parting clouds, cannot you see the face of the Saviour bending down, and smiling eternal love upon his Apostle's brow?

For a moment the Apostle stood there, and then—with no weapon by his side, nor knife, nor pistol, nor powder horn—but with love beaming from his brow, that man stepped gently on the sand.

The Indian looked up and saw that face, and was not afraid. Love, gentleness, God—these were written on that face.

Was it not a beautiful scene?

The kneeling Indian, his knife sunk in the earth, the dying deer by his side, looks up with a loving awe gleaming from his red face. The Apostle standing there, upon that patch of sand, the surf breaking round his feet, the sunlight bursting on his brow. The bearded sailors, their oars being suspended in mid-air. On one side the leafy maple—on the other the river, the ship, the island, and the wide extending bay.

And then the blue sky, looking out from amid a wilderness of floating clouds, as though God himself smiled down his blessing on the scene.

That was the picture, my friends, and O, by all the memories of Home and Freedom, paint that picture in your hearts.

Columbus, with his eye fixed on land—the land of the New World—Pizarro gazing on the riches of Peru, Cortez with the Temples of Montezuma at his feet—these are mighty pictures, but here was a mightier than them all.

Mightier than that historic image of Columbus gazing for the first time on land? Yes! For Columbus had discovered a New World, while this Apostle first planted on its shores the seed of a mighty tree, which had laid buried for sixteen hundred years, beneath an ocean of blood.

The shade of that tree is now cast abroad, far over this Continent, far over the World. That tree was called TOLERATION. In the day of its planting, it was a strange thing. The Nation feared it. But now, watered by God, it grows, and on its golden fruit you may read these words:

EVERY MAN HATH A RIGHT TO WORSHIP GOD

AFTER THE DICTATES OF HIS OWN CONSCIENCE.

For a moment, spell-bound, the Indian looked up into the Apostle's face. That Apostle, slowly advancing over the sod, beneath the shade of the maple tree, clasped him by the hand, called him BROTHER!

Soon a fire flamed there upon the sod. Soon columns of blue smoke wound upward, rising in the thick green of the maple tree.

Roar, O, sun! roll ye clouds! beam, O, sun! For now beneath the maple tree, on the shore of the Delaware, the Apostle in the plain garb shares the venison and corn of the rude Indian, sits by his side, while the red woman, stealing from the shadows, prepares the pipe of peace as her large dark eyes are fixed upon that manly face.

Around, scattered over the sod, were grouped the stout forms of the sailors. In the distance, the ship, like a giant-bird, tossed slowly on the waves. The summer breeze bent the reeds up

on the green isle, and played among the leaves of the maple tree. The sky above was clear, the sun shone, huge and snowy, lay piled away, between the water and the sky, on the distant horizon.

It was a calm hour.

The Pipe of Peace, was lighted—its smoke arose, curling around the beaming face of the Apostle, while the red man looked upon him in rude love, and the woman, her form thrown carelessly on the sod, her long hair showering in glossy blackness to her waist, gazed in his blue eyes with a mute reverence, as though she beheld the Messenger of God.

That Apostle built a nation, without a Priest, without an Oath, without a Blow. Yet he never wronged the poor Indian.

That Apostle reared the Altar of Jesus, on the Delaware shore, and planted the foundations of a Mighty People, amid dim old forests. Yet he never wronged the poor Indian.

He died, with his pillow smoothed by the blessings of the rude Indian race. To this hour, the Indian Mother, driven far beyond the Mississippi, driven even from the memory of the Delaware, takes her wild boy upon her knee, and tells him the wild tradition of the Goup Miquon.

My friends, when I think of this great man, who in a dark age, preached TOLERATION, or in other words, the Love of Jesus, a dream rushed upon my soul.

One night, in a dream, I beheld a colossal rock, a mountain of granite, rising from illimitable darkness into bright sunshine. Around its base was midnight; half way up was twilight; on the very summit shone the light of God's countenance.

A voice whispered—"This awful rock, built upon midnight, girdled by twilight, with the light of God's face shining upon its brow, this awful rock, is THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD."

Far down, in blackest midnight, I beheld certain lurid, horrible shapes, going wildly to and fro. These, said the voice, these are the hitherto of the human race, called CONQUERORS.

Half way up, in the dim twilight, a multitude of Popes Reformers, Pretended Prophets and Fanatics, were groping their way, with stumbling footsteps, darkness below and twilight around them. These, said the voice, are the numerous race of CANCER-MARKERS, who murder millions in the name of God.

But far up this terrible rock,—yes, yonder, in the eternal sunshine, which broke upon the high-point of its summit, side by side with SAINT PAUL, and the Apostle, stood a commanding form, clad in an unpretending garb, with glory playing over his brow; that form, the Apostle of God to the New World, WILLIAM PENN.

NOTE.—It is stated, (whether by history or by tradition only I am not informed,) that William Penn first put his foot on New World soil, on the shore opposite Reedy Island, at the head of Delaware Bay, where now stands and flourishes the present village of Port Penn. This legend, it is true, is not directly connected with our Revolution; but as William Penn was the great Predecessor of George Washington, in the work of civil and religious freedom, I have deemed it not altogether improper to insert the above tradition among "THE LEGENDS OF THE REVOLUTION."

SCANDAL.

"Now let it work. Much better, thou art a fend,
Take what comes thou wilt."

In the village of Hollowell, Maine, whose inhabitants, like the good people of Athens, were much given to "either tell or hear some new things," lived "Squire P.", a facetious, good-natured sort of a body, whose jokes are even yet a matter of village record, and have been retold in various editions, from folio down to duodecimo.

Aunt Lizzy was Deacon Snipe's wife's sister—a maiden lady of about fifty—she went to all the meetings—kept a regular account of every birth, death, and marriage, with the dates—doctored all the babies, and knew every yard in the neighborhood—showed all the young married women how to make soup, and when they had bad luck, made every child in the house sit cross-legged until the luck changed. In fine, she was a kind of village factotum—spent her time in going from house to house, grinding out a grist of slander to each, as occasion required, but always concluded with "the way of transgressors is hard."

"poor Mrs. A. or B., (as the case was,) I pity her from the bottom of my heart; or some such soothing reflection. Aunt Lizzy was always very fond of asking strangers and others, without regard to time or place, the state of their minds, how they enjoyed their minds, &c. These questions were generally followed by a string of scandal, which was well calculated to destroy the peace and happiness of some of her best neighbors and friends; but she, like other narrators of this kind, considered such intellectual murder as either establishing her own fair reputation, or as the only mode of entertaining the village, and thereby rendering her society agreeable.

One warm summer's afternoon, as the Squire was sitting near his office door, smoking his pipe, Aunt Lizzy was passing with great speed, running upon the news of the day, when the Squire brought her to, as the sailor's say, by "What's your hurry, Aunt Lizzy?—walk in." The old lady, who never wanted a second invitation, went into the office, and the following dialogue was commenced.

"Well, Squire P., I have been thinking this forenoon what a useful man you might be, if you'd only leave off your light conversations, as the good book says, and become a serious man—you might be an ornament to both Church and State, as our minister says."

"Why, as to that, Aunt Lizzy, a cheerful countenance I consider as the best index of a grateful heart—and you know what the bible says on that subject—'When you fast, be not as the hypocrites of sad countenance; but anoint thy head and wash thy face, (Aunt Lizzy began to feel for her pocket handkerchief, for she was a taker of snuff,) and that thou appear not unto men to fast.'"

"Now, there, Squire, that's just what I told you—see how you have the Scripture at your tongue's end; what a useful man you might be in our church, if you'd only be a dger as well as a hearer of the word."

"As to that, Aunt Lizzy, I don't see that your professors, as you call them, are a whit better than I am, in private. I respect a sincere professor as much as any man; but I know enough of one of your church, whom you think a great deal, to know that she is no better than she should be."

At these innuendoes, Aunt Lizzy's little black eyes began to twinkle; she sat down beside the Squire, in order to speak in a lower tone—spread her handkerchief over her lap, and began to tap the cover of her snuff-box in true style, and all things being in readiness for a siege of "scandalum magnatum," she commenced fire—

"Now, Squire, I want to know what you mean by one of our church? I know who you mean—trotter—I didn't like so many carols about her head, when she told her experience."

"The Squire finding curiosity was putting his boots on, had no occasion to add spurs to the heels, for the old lady had one in her head that was worth two of them. Accordingly he had no peace until he consented to explain what he meant by the expression 'in private'—this was a clear word to Aunt Lizzy."

"Now, Aunt Lizzy, will you take a Bible oath that you will never communicate what I am about to tell you to no living being, and that you will keep it while you live a most inviolable secret?"

"Yes, Squire, I declare I won't never tell nobody nothing about it as long as I breathe the breath of life; and I'll take a Bible oath on't; there, sartin as I live, Squire, before you or any other magistrate in the whole county."

"Well, then, you know when I went up to Boston about a year ago."

"Yes, yes, Squire, and I know who went with you, too—Susan B. and Dolly T., and her sister Prudence."

"Never mind who went with me, Aunt Lizzy—there was a whole lot of passengers—but, but—"

"None of your but, Squire—out with it—if folks will act so—a trotter."

"But, Aunt Lizzy, I'm afraid you'll bring me into a scrape."

"I've told you over and over again that nobody never shall know nothing about it, and your wife knows I aint leaky."

"My wife! I wouldn't have her know what I was going to say for the world. Why, Aunt Lizzy, if she should know it—"

"Well, don't be afraid, Squire, once for all I'll take my oath that no living critter shan't never, as long as I live, know a lip of it."

"Well, then—if you must know it—I slept with one of the likeliest of your church members nearly half the way up!"

Aunt Lizzy now drew a long breath—shut up her snuff box, and put it in her pocket, muttering to herself—"The likeliest of church members! I thought it was Sussey B. Likeliest!" This comes of being flattered a trotter. Well, one thing I know—the way of the transgressors is hard; if such a thing should be known, our church would be scattered abroad, like sheep without a shepherd."

In a few moments Aunt Lizzy took her departure, giving the Squire another caution and a sly wink, as she said—"Good bye, let me alone for a secret."

It was not many days before Squire P. received a very polite note from Parson G., requesting him to attend a meeting of the church, and many of the parish, at the south conference room, in order to settle some difficulties with one of the church members, who in order to clear up her character, required Squire P. to be present.

The parson, who was a very worthy man, knew the frailty of some of the weak sisters, as Aunt Lizzy called them, and as he was a particular friend of Squire P's, requested him in his note to say nothing of it to his wife. But the Squire took the hint, and telling her there was to be a parish meeting, requested her to be ready at two o'clock, and he would call for her.

Accordingly, the hour of meeting came—the whole village flocked to the room, which could not hold half of them. All eyes were alternately on the Squire and Sussey B. Mrs. P. stared, and Susy B. looked as though she had been crying for a fortnight. The parson, with softened tone, and in as delicate a manner as possible, stated the story about Susy B., which, he observed, was in every body's mouth, and of which he himself believed not a word—and Squire P. being called on to the stand as a witness, after painting in lively colors the evils of slander, and particularly the church, to come out and make acknowledgments for violating a Bible oath!

Aunt Lizzy's apology was, that she only told Deacon Snipe's wife on't—and she took an oath that she wouldn't tell nobody else on't. Deacon Snipe's wife had, it appears sworn Roger Northaker's sister never to tell nobody on't—and so it went through the whole church—thence through the village.

The Squire then acknowledged before the whole meeting, that he had, as he told Aunt Lizzy, slept with a church member half the way up to Boston, and that he believed her to be one of the likeliest of their church members, inasmuch as she would never hear or retail slander.

All eyes were now alternately on Susy B. and Squire P.'s wife. Aunt Lizzy enjoyed a kind of diabolical triumph, which the Squire no sooner perceived than he finished his sentence by declaring that the church member to whom he alluded, was his own wife!

Aunt Lizzy drew, in her head under a huge bonnet, as a turtle does under its shell, and marched away into one corner of the room, like a dog that has been killing sheep. The Squire, as usual, burst out into a fit of laughter, from which his wife, Susy B., and even the parson G. afterwards acknowledged that Squire P. had given a death blow to scandal in the village, which all his preaching could not have done.

GENERAL TAYLOR'S LETTER.

A letter purporting to come from the pen of General Taylor, and giving his views upon the manner of conducting the Mexican war, appeared in the New York Express on the 23d ult. It has since been copied into the principal papers of the country, and has elicited much comment, both on account of its sentiments and the circumstances of its publication. It has since become known that the letter was written by Gen. Taylor to Gen. Gaines, in confidence, and not intended for the public eye. Its publication by General Gaines may be considered one of those indiscretions to which some of our military commanders are extremely liable. The papers of both parties, with a few exceptions, censure Gen. Gaines for this violation of his friend's seal of privacy. A few of the federal papers, however, defend the publication, alleging it was necessary for the defence of Gen. Taylor against the administration, which they say, is covertly seeking to dishonor the brave commander of our army. This is a groundless and most ungenerous charge against the President, who has never manifested the least desire to deprive Gen. Taylor of one of the many laurels he has won in the conflict.

We suspect the dark surmises and suspicions which fill the minds of these federalists, may be traced to other very different causes from anything in the conduct of the President. From the moment General Taylor first distinguished himself in the war, the whigs claimed him as their partisan, and ever since they have had an itching to have him show his party preferences. They could not be satisfied to have him fight the battles of his country, but would have him leave his great work to wallow in the slough of party. When nothing else would induce him to show his hand, they got up stories of bad feeling and faithlessness on the part of the administration toward him, and the next step is to publish his private letters, and thus to place him against the administration, and bring about the very state of feeling they pretend to deprecate. They are more anxious to see Gen. Taylor as a party tool for their own advancement than they are to preserve his good name or serve their country. They want a hero—and they would even take one made in this Mexican war, which they condemn and oppose with might and main. Such is federal patriotism and consistency.

But to the letter itself. The letter shows that Gen. Taylor differs in some respects from the administration, as to what is the best method of conducting the war in Mexico. And this he had a perfect right to do, so long as his opinions did not stand in the way of the discharge of his duty as commander. The gist of his letter is contained in the following paragraphs:

I do not believe the authorities at Washington are at all satisfied with my conduct in regard to the terms of the capitulation entered into with the Mexican commander, which you no doubt have seen, as they have made public through the official organ, and copied into various other newspapers. I have this moment received an answer (to my despatch announcing the surrender of Monterey, and the circumstances attending the same), from the Secretary of War, stating that it was regretted by the President that it was not deemed advisable to insist on the terms I had proposed in my first communication to the Mexican commander, in regard to giving up the city, adding that the circumstances which dictated no doubt justified the change.

Although the terms of capitulation may be considered too liberal on our part by the President and his advisers, as well as by many others at a distance, particularly by those who do not understand the position which we occupied, (otherwise they might come to a different conclusion in regard to the matter,) yet on due reflection, I see nothing to induce me to regret the course I pursued. The proposition on the part of General Ampudia, which had much to do in the matter, was based on the ground that our government had proposed to him to settle the existing difficulties by negotiation, (which I knew was the case, without knowing the result,) which was then under consideration by the proper authorities, and which he (General Ampudia) had no doubt would result favorably, as the whole of his people were in favor of peace. If so I considered the effusion of blood not only unnecessary, but improper. Their force was also considerably larger than ours; and from the size and position of the place, we could not completely invest it; so that the greater portion of their troops, if not the whole, had they been disposed to do so, could, any night, have abandoned the city, at once, entered the mountain passes, and effected their retreat,—do what we would! Had we been put to the alternative of taking the place by storm (which there is no doubt we should have succeeded in all probability, have lost fifty or a hundred men in killed, besides the wounded,—which I wished to avoid, as there appeared to be a prospect of peace, even if a distant one. I also wished to avoid the destruction of women and children, which must have been very great had the storming process been resorted to. Besides, they had a very large and strong fortification, a short distance from the city, which if carried with the bayonet, must have been taken at a great sacrifice of life; and, with our limited train of heavy artillery, it would have required twenty or twenty-five days to take it by regular approaches.

That they should have surrendered a place nearly as strong as Quebec, well fortified under the direction of skillful engineers, and their works garnished with forty-two pieces of artillery, abundantly supplied with ammunition, garrisoned by 7000 regular and 2000 irregular troops, in addition to some thousand citizens capable of, and

no doubt actually, bearing arms, and aiding in its defence,—to an opposing force of half their number, scantily supplied with a light train of artillery,—is among the unaccountable occurrences of the times.

I am decidedly opposed to carrying the war beyond Saltillo in this direction, which place has been entirely abandoned by the Mexican forces, all of whom have been concentrated at San Luis Potosi; and I shall lose no time in taking possession of the former as soon as the cessation of hostilities referred to expires,—which I have notified the Mexican authorities will be the case on the 13th inst., by direction of the President of the United States.

If we are (in the language of Mr. Polk and General Scott) under the necessity of "conquering a peace,"—and that by taking the capital of the country,—we must go to Vera Cruz, take that place, and then march on to the city of Mexico. To do so in any other direction, I consider out of the question. But, admitting that we conquer a peace by doing so,—say at the end of the next twelve months,—will the amount of blood and treasure, which must be expended in doing so, be compensated by the same? I think not,—especially, if the country we subdue is to be given up; and I imagine there are but few individuals in our country who think of annexing Mexico to the United States.

I do not intend to carry on my operations (as previously stated) beyond Saltillo,—deeming it next to impracticable to do so. It then becomes a question as to what is best to be done. It seems to me, the most judicious course to be pursued on our part, would be to take possession, at once, of the line we would accept by negotiation, extending from the Gulf of Mexico to the Pacific, and occupy the same or keep what we already have possession of; and that, with Tampico, (which I hope to take in the course of the next month, or as soon as I can get the means of transportation,) will give us all on this side of the Sierra Madre, and, as soon as I occupy Saltillo, will include six or seven States of Provinces, thus holding Tampico, Victoria, Monterey, Saltillo, Monclova, Chihuahua, (which I presume General Wool has possession of by this time,) Santa Fe and the Californias,—and say to Mexico, "Drive us from the country!"—throwing on her the responsibility and expense of carrying on an offensive war,—at the same time closely blockading all her ports on the Pacific and the Gulf. A course of this kind, if persevered in for a short time, would soon bring her to her proper senses, and compel her to sue for peace, provided there is a government in the country sufficiently stable for us to treat with, which I fear, will hardly be the case for many years to come. Without large reinforcements of volunteers from the United States,—say ten or fifteen thousand, (those previously sent out having already been greatly reduced by sickness and other casualties,) I do not believe it would be advisable to march beyond Saltillo, which is more than 200 miles beyond our depots on the Rio Grande,—a very long line on which to keep supplies (over a land route, in a country like this) for a large force, and certain to be attended with an expense which will be frightful to contemplate, when closely looked into.

CONSIDER THIS FACT.

Senators from slave states, and whig senators from free states, are both opposed to the acquisition of territory by the United States from Mexico! If this were a war to advance slave power,—create slave states,—would the advocates of slave territory take the course they do? If whig senators were honest in their pretended opposition to slavery, would they oppose the acquisition of what must inevitably be free territory, under the shallow pretence that they fear it may possibly become slave territory, merely to gratify their enmity to the administration, and to create political capital?

The truth is plain. Senators from slave states oppose the acquisition of Mexican territory because they know it is, and will continue to be free territory; the whigs oppose it because they wish to deprive the administration of the honor and popularity, the acquisition would confer upon the democratic party, and hence are willing to sacrifice the interests of the nation and of humanity, in order that they may taunt the general government with having waged a fruitless war; for they know that territory is the only kind of indemnification we can obtain from Mexico, and if we do not gain that the people must be taxed to pay the entire cost of a contest we have been forced into "by the acts of Mexico."

The whigs and abolitionists in the free states declare that the war is waged to extend slavery, while Mr. Berrien, from a slave state, offers a proposition to congress against the annexation of any Mexican territory. Mr. Johnson, another senator, and also from a slave state, sustains Mr. Berrien's proposition. Next, he says, "not a foot of territory would ever be annexed as slave territory." [Boston Post.

COL. CURTIS. The ceremony of presenting a gold ring to Col. Curtis, took place at Newburyport on Tuesday evening. The Herald gives us particulars of the same. Market Hall was filled on the occasion, and hundreds were unable to gain admission. Col. C. received the ring "from the hands of a young Miss, who was selected by the ladies in present to him, and who acquitted herself very handsomely." He replied in a gallant speech of half an hour, in which he declared war as a necessary evil, and as oftentimes working out vitally important results which could in no other way be achieved.

VERMONT. The next election in Vermont takes place on the first Tuesday of March 1847, and then the people of the State are to decide by their ballots, written or printed, in the precise form of the above heading, whether they will license the sale of spirituous liquor as a beverage, or only for medicinal and mechanical purposes. The vote is to be given on one and the same day, throughout the State.

DOSTAN LAMB, aged 26 years, came near dying by cutting his throat with a jackknife, in Fallmouth, Me., he says he was not in his right mind.

IMPORTANT FROM MEXICO.

SANTA ANNA SNOB, BY REMON. By the steamer Mekin and Alabama, advices are brought to New Orleans, with dates from Galveston to the 29th, and Brazos to the 21st ult.—We extract from the Pacifique extra.

From Anton Lizardo, 20th ult., letters state that the Mexican Congress on the 19th, after a stormy session, approved the first section of a bill authorizing the government to raise \$15,000,000 by hypothecation or sale of certain goods of the church.

Santa Anna opposed sternly this measure, and it is rumored that the opposition so exasperated his soldiers that they had shot him.

This report requires confirmation; but many circumstances render it not improbable. The army is in great distress.

The passage of the law created the greatest excitement in the city of Mexico. The churches closed their doors, the ordinances of religion ceased, and every indication of mourning was manifested, and tokens of resistance were evinced by those who were inclined to support the religious establishment.

The Mexican Congress, and the Mexican press everywhere, appear to be thoroughly roused. They are alarmed almost to despair. The issue they make is "Ser o no ser" to be or not to be.

It is stated in advices from Mexico not so late as the Pacifique extra, that Santa Anna had withdrawn fifteen thousand men from San Luis, and marched towards the city of Mexico, affairs requiring his presence at the capital.

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Generals Scott and Worth, with his command, arrived at the Brazos, via Camargo, on the 23d. Gens. Scott and Worth are in command of the main and regular army now concentrating at Tampico, or some place in its neighborhood.

New recruits were mustering and rendezvous being made on the island of Lupas, 63 miles south of Tampico.

The opinion is almost universal, that the movement is to be against Vera Cruz. It is understood that this place is to be invested by land and water.

Col. Carney, with five companies of dragoons was expected at Matamoros on the 21st ultimo, on which day Lieut. Duane arrived there.

Gen. Taylor returned to Monterey, to remain at the latter place in command of the volunteers. His orders to that effect proceed from Gen. Scott, who now holds the chief command.

Gen. Wool is in command of Saltillo and the neighborhood, with a force of three thousand men.

The country from Reynosa, Camargo and Alar, through to Monterey, is filled with marauding Mexicans and robbers. Col. Harney had been arrested by Gen. Scott for disobedience of orders, and was to be tried immediately by court martial.

Gen. Worth is said to be quite unwell.

Gen. Scott and staff were at Brazos but it was thought they would sail in a few days for Tampico.

The first Pennsylvania regiment arrived at Brazos, all well. They had orders to sail for Lopez.

Gen. Patterson arrived at Tampico on the 23d with 4,500 men. Gen. Twiggs, Quitman, and Pillow's commands being included. The steamer Cincinnati was lost on the 23d near Tampico.

FROM MEXICO. The New Orleans Pacifique of the 3d inst. gives in detail the discussion in the Mexican congress on the project to raise fifteen millions by mortgages on the property of the clergy; selling the same, if necessary, to raise that sum. After much discussion, the project to mortgage the property was carried—55 to 31.

The question on giving power to sell the church property was then discussed, and decided in the affirmative—44 to 35.

There were no accounts in the Mexican papers received of congress having taken any action to make peace with the United States. On the contrary, all the debates contain the most hostile feelings to the Americans.

The committee appointed to proceed to San Luis Potosi to inform Santa Anna of his election to the Presidency, state that in reply to questions relating to the condition of the army, he boasted of having sufficient private means to carry on the war for six months.

The governors of Zacatecas and Durango, hostile to Santa Anna, refuse to comply with his demands to place the ordinary and extraordinary resources of those states at his disposal.

The Mexican editors appear to be well acquainted with the movements and number of our troops, which they give with great exactness. They publish Santa Anna's despatches of the late attack upon Col. May.

THE ARMY BILL. The Washington Correspondent of the Boston Post thus expresses his fears: It is greatly to be feared that these delays will prevent the raising of the troops in season for this year's campaign. In the mean time there are thousands of brave fellows only waiting for the word to put themselves into the field. There are applications now sufficient to fill twenty regiments, and the only difficulty the President will have in making up the force as soon as the bill passes, will be to determine whom to refuse, for all are pressing and all are deserving.

Ground and lofty tumbling of Lake Ontario. Lake Ontario has been cutting queer lanes of late. On the 8th ult. the waters at Gratiot harbor receded from the shore suddenly three hundred and fifty feet. The water seemed to gather itself up into a vast cone, and then rushed back in one huge wave, burying the wharf, and rising four feet higher than common, with a roaring noise. This took place eight or nine times, each decreasing in strength and violence until it resumed its usual appearance. Some confusion in the city, of an earthquake character was probably the cause.

JOHN Q. ADAMS has left Boston for Washington.

We learn that the Hon. George Moffat having declined the office of President of the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company, an account of the pressure of private business, the Directors proceeded on the 23d January to elect Hon. A. N. Morin, President, and John Farthingham Esq. Vice President of the Board. Mr. Morin is speaker of the House of Assembly and is one of the most prominent gentlemen among the Canadian French population. He was here with Messrs. Moffat and Cringau in July, 1845. Mr. Farthingham, as it is well known, is a native of our city. [Argus.

OXFORD DEMOCRAT.

PARIS, FEBRUARY 16, 1847.

"The Union must be preserved."

NEW TERRITORY.

Many suppose that we already have a sufficient extent of territory, and this may be true, but if by the accession of new territory, more are permitted to participate in the advantages and privileges of our institutions and laws, no one can seriously object. But care should be had that no new territory should be incorporated into States until its inhabitants are measurably qualified to perform the duties of self-government. To enfranchise them, and give their representatives a voice in our legislature without regard to qualifications, would tend to produce anarchy within their own borders, and embarrass our own interests to a most disastrous extent. A just capacity for self-government is an important requisition in every Republic, and Mexico being destitute of this to a great extent at present, needs a much stronger government than the United States. Her people may govern themselves, but they have long since learned that their happiness is concerned in being protected by a much stronger central policy, and a more restrictive constitution than the American people would submit to; and hence they have to a few that they do not trust to more. Should any part of Mexico, however, be needed to the United States, the commercial intercourse between its inhabitants and the people of this country, and other moral influences brought to bear upon them, would serve to enlighten and direct the public sentiment of the Mexican people. Thus gradually would they be introduced to some of the conveniences of our institutions. They would be led themselves to begin where the structure of every government should have its basis, namely, in the township. They would learn how to manage local and municipal affairs, and would gradually extend their experience into the more complex relations of County and State Governments. It is in this way, we make no doubt, that the whole of this vast continent is destined one day to subscribe to the Constitution of the United States, or to one similar to it.

But, if we would see this accomplished, we must take a decided stand against the introduction of slavery into our newly acquired territory; for if slavery is admitted, the freedom and happiness of the whole people are endangered, and the more territory the greater would be the evil. We are right glad to see the position of our Northern Democrats in Congress as well defined in the recent debate upon this question. Southern Representatives commenced the debate, and hence they have no reason to complain. Their design, in attempting to engraft a recognition of the Missouri Compromise, which forever interdicted Slavery North of 36 degrees 30 minutes, upon the Oregon Territory Bill, must be obvious to all. These apply this compromise to Oregon which has a wholly North of that line, and it will be contended for in relation to all the newly acquired territory in the South West. The North refused to recognize the Missouri Compromise in connection with the Oregon question, because, at that time, we were not in full possession of any territory West of the Rocky Mountains.

The rejection of Mr. Butler's proposition, by a decided vote in the House of Representatives to extend the Missouri line westward to the Pacific, has produced quite a sensation at the South. It appears from this and other circumstances that the great crisis in relation to the extension of slavery is approaching, and whenever it does come, we trust that the delegates to Congress from the free States will be prepared to take a firm and decided ground, and array themselves on the side of humanity, justice and truth.

That slavery in this country, is an evil, is conceded by all, even Southerners sometimes admit this, but say they, it was entailed upon us by our ancestors, we have no remedy, the Constitution guarantees the right, and our rights must be protected. All this may be true, but it does not follow that they should be permitted to extend the evil. Whatever the Constitution, in clear and explicit language, grants to the whole Nation, should be guaranteed by the General Government; but all other claims and privileges which go to uphold, or to extend the institution of slavery, should be promptly denied, and that in a manner which will prove unequivocally the feelings of the Northern States in relation to this question.

We believe the Democrats from the free States are right upon this subject. They have no wish to interfere with slavery in the States—the States themselves must see to this—but they will never admit the right, nor give their consent for the South to introduce slavery into any part of our territory, either acquired, or to be acquired, that is now free. Should any part of Mexico come into our possession, it should come as free territory, and as such be held sacred, open alike to all free men. In our opposition to the extension of slavery over newly acquired territory, we do not deny the South any privileges which we claim ourselves, viz: the privilege of free men to emigrate there as freemen, and engage in any lawful enterprise for the employment of free labor. We only deny the South such privileges in that territory as we ask not for ourselves, which we have no desire to exercise, and which if we should, would destroy our most sacred rights and privileges. Mr. Hamilton, and others, contend, says the Eastern Times, and rightly too, that if Slavery has permission to go there, the North suffers, for her free labor cannot associate with slave labor. There is no affinity between the two, and the North, in order to reap any advantage from such as-

quisitions as are likely to be made, must insist upon their being free. The South has no right to ask for territory for slavery to spread in, and the North has no right to grant such request if made. If we can't have additional territory without having slavery with it, then let us be content with what we have got. A strong feeling exists at the North against the further extension of slavery, and "we be to the representative who attempts to set at naught this feeling."

It has been supposed by some that now is not the time to discuss this question, and that it will embarrass the war. In fact, that has been our opinion; but we are informed from a source to be relied on that such is not the fact. Now is the time, or never. Let it go by, and slavery is sure to steal into the territories. It will not embarrass the war, for our representatives take the defensive, and confine themselves in reply to gentlemen from the Slave States. They do not propose, nor will they consent, to embarrass any war measure with the Wilmot proviso. They will not put it on to the loan bill, nor will they on any war bill, all they ask, is to put on the bill which appropriates \$2,000,000 to negotiate a peace, not prosecute the war, the proviso of Wilmot. All know that that money, if used at all, will be used for the purchase of territory, and should we not say that all such territory shall be free? So no measure of the war or of the Administration will be embarrassed.

We sincerely hope that our representatives at the North will be as true as the needle to the pole, to all the great principles of Democracy, and also true to the great principles of virtue and humanity.

OUR PRINCIPLES.

While conversing, not long since, with a young friend upon the leading principles of the most prominent political parties of the day, he expressed a wish that he could have the real principles of Democracy explained to him, as entertained by modern Democrats, by some one not particularly prejudiced in favor of any party or a party.

Well, this is a very reasonable wish, and we will endeavor to gratify him; for our principle, the Democratic principle, must win favor as it is understood. It is a principle of humanity, benevolence, and love. It seeks to elevate human sufferings, to bind up the broken hearted, and to make us love our brother as ourselves. It labors to purify the affections, and expel from the human breast that selfishness which is the source of such unnumbered woes. It reaches, without ceasing, the lofty principles of unadulterated philosophy, in order that man may be all that the creature should be, who is made after God's own image. It is a principle of renovation and change, with ceaseless effort for the happiness of man, and bears the same relation to the moral that the Christian principle does to the religious world. The principles of both are love—for both seek the happiness of man. The one looks to perfect the character of man here below; the other, in addition thereto, seeks to make him fit company for just men made perfect. In fact, the only difference between these vital and glorious principles is, that one is of Earth and the other of Heaven. Our principle teaches that all mankind are free and equal. Impress this doctrine upon the heart, and we must love our brother as we love ourselves. Let us do this, and we must have charity and humanity; and then, with our hearts thus prepared, attuned to love, the elevation of man has no more to do, but to make the existing principles of Divine grace. The Democratic principle is the great moral of the Christian principle, and it is the foundation of every act of Heaven to spread it far and wide. The aim of the Democratic principle is the Aristocratic principle. What are its characteristics? Purity, simplicity and candor. It turns with loving and respect from the trifling triflers. It considers the many as only fit for the use of moral, and draws of water. Its affections are of this world, and it goes up into high places and thinks the Lord it is not as that republican. What chance has the Christian law here? And such is the principle which regulates the political conduct of a very large portion of our adherents. Is it, then, wonderful that our principles have commanded the respect and favor of the great mass of the people, that they have borne us on our progress and to conquer. Is it wonderful that our principles have determined to "conquer or die" beneath its ample and respectable folds?

But, inquires our friend, what has Democracy done? This is an important inquiry, and in our next, we will call his attention to a few things it has done, and set them in contrast with what the fashionable party, as he calls the one which he favors, has done; and then he will be able to judge both of principles and of works.

The Election—Maine all safe. The election one week ago yesterday resulted in the choice of two Democrats, viz: A. Judson, Esq., in Brunswick and North Berwick, and P. Low, Esq., in Clinton and Sebecus. In Bangor and Canby, Wilton and Chasterville, and Livermore and East Livermore, no choice. This closes up the account between the parties. There are now seventy six Democrats elected, beside the member from Arrowsick, which is a majority of the whole House, there being 151 members in all. In the Senate there is a Democratic majority of five. This result secures the election of Mr. Dana for Governor, and Democrats for State officers, and cannot fail to be highly gratifying to our friends, especially as the contest has been longer continued and more sharply contested than any previous election in this State.

Important Decision. The Supreme Court of Ohio, among other decisions, have decided against the city of Cincinnati, in what has been called the Jew case. The Court declares "the ordinance of the Cincinnati council, prohibiting trading, bartering, and selling on Sunday, and as to those who conscientiously observed the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath."

Anti War Meeting in Boston. Some of the Federal anti war men of Boston held a meeting in Faneuil hall, a week ago last Thursday evening, for the purpose of denouncing the government war, &c. &c. The hall was well filled with people, but from the report which

we have seen in the Boston papers we should infer that they had rather a equally time—the good people of Boston not sitting very quietly under the treasonable doctrines promulgated by the speakers.

Prosperity of the Country. It does seem as if the country was obstinately bent on falsifying the "rum" prophecies of the high tariff journals, and of forcing them to eat their own panes. It persists in being prosperous in spite of them, and they cannot help but confess it. The N. Y. Express of the 5th inst., says, (and the testimony is none the less valuable because it is judiciously rendered,) "The great staple of the country (cotton) is selling now at double the price it sold for two years ago; and the difference in the value of this article alone will be from thirty to forty millions of dollars. Beef, pork, lard, butter, cheese, flour, wheat, rye, corn, barley, and oats, are selling at prices that are truly astonishing. Nor do these extravagant prices appear to be speculative. On the contrary, they are purchased readily, and shipped on foreign account. Europe is in want of a greater supply than we are able, just now, to furnish her with. Nor is this all. Our shipping interest is more profitably employed than it has been in twenty years. In the great excitement of 1836, States and individuals were enormously in debt. Now the whole country is in a sound state, and there is nothing fictitious or false. We cannot see, therefore, why the country is not to enjoy a greater state of prosperity than at any former period. The foregoing quotation, our readers will bear in mind, is from one of the leading Whig papers in the State of New York—a paper which, but a few months since, abounded in predictions of ruin to all the great interests of the country, and distress and embarrassment to all classes of the people. And thus it is constrained to record the falsity of its own predictions.

Mexican Newspapers. The Mexican papers are said to observe the strictest silence in regard to the movements and designs of their armies; in this respect they pursue a very commendable course, and contrast favorably with the press in this country. Here every thing is babbling; and after republication in Havana is circulated through the Mexican republic. Our southern neighbors have no need of supporting spies in this country. Their business is attended to, gratis, by American citizens.

FIFTEEN DAYS LATER FROM ENGLAND. The iron steamship Sarah Sands, Capt. Thompson, left Liverpool Jan. 20, and arrived at New York Feb. 10. Parliament was opened by the queen in person on the 10th ult. The discussions on that night related to the terrible state of Ireland, the sequestration of Cracow, and the Montevideo marriage.

"The new measure proposed by the government are of the first importance. The ports are to be immediately opened for the free admission of foreign corn of every kind, by which the duty of four shillings sterling will be abolished. The navigation laws are to be suspended, by which corn will be admitted in vessels of every nation; and sugar is to be allowed in distilleries. These measures will be carried, as the protectionists have promised to give them their support."

Food of every kind is still scarce and dear in England. Ireland and France, notwithstanding the immense quantities shipped hence. The corn and provisions markets in Ireland and England are exceedingly animated, and prices are still kept up at the extreme rate quoted by previous arrivals. But the Liverpool Times says—

"The whole of the available British supply will be occupied in bringing food from every quarter of the world where it can be found, to avert the starvation of which Ireland is the scene."

The promptitude with which the government is determined to act in this matter is already making itself felt on the food markets. The price of grain had already expired and a slight decline, and it is believed by many practical men that the provisions markets, from the time forward will assume a downward tendency. In fact, it is known that several experienced merchants have agreed to furnish, in a month or two from the present time, large quantities of corn at 16 and even 18 shillings per quarter under the current rates. The farmers are already taking the alarm, and so far from keeping back, are now engaged in forcing their produce on the market."

A London paper of Jan. 20th says—"The value of wheat has risen day by day for many weeks without a single pause, and prices have now attained an extraordinary state of exuberance on the part of buyers; purchases are now made up to the limit of the market, and it is not until the very last moment that the market is cleared. When affairs arrive at this stage, a panic generally follows, but the Irish Landed Proprietors, acting in the present circumstances, whether it will prove so in this case. The fact that large quantities of grain are being shipped to Ireland, from a point in England, serves as a considerable guarantee of the supply, and is a very favorable calculation."

The Bank of England has raised its rate of discount to 3 1/2 per cent. Bullion is rapidly going out of the country, and a monetary panic was anticipated. The bank of France has raised its rate of discount to 5 per cent, and has borrowed 20,000,000 of francs from the bank of England.

An office for granting letters of marque and reprisal, according to the decree of the Mexican government, was opened in the vicinity of the Tower, London, Jan. 6, being the first time that an occurrence of the kind has happened in the last forty years in England.

The accounts from Ireland become, from day to day, more distressing; and the temporary decline which a large arrival of Indian corn caused last week had again been recovered, the supply having proved inadequate to the demand. With the people starving in many parts of the island, shipment of provisions thence to England are, of course, out of the question.

A body of about 200 of the Irish peasantry, chiefly armed, had marched down from the mountains near Waterford, and seized a large quantity of corn and carried it off, in spite of the efforts of the police and soldiers, who were badly resisted by the mob. A mob had also plundered the streets of Dublin and plundered several barns.

The distress in Scotland are of a similar character to the reports from other parts of the kingdom. Not only wheat but all species of corn is rapidly rising there, and it is certain that no supplies of oats (the staple article of shipment to the south) can be expected, that article being worth quite as much, if not more, at Edinburgh than in the London market.

France.—On the 11th ult. the French chambers were formally opened by a speech from the king. He speaks

in terms of great satisfaction of the marriage of his son to the infant of Spain; has concluded a commercial treaty with Russia; protested against the extinction of Cracow. He says the activity and resources of France continue to increase, &c. The effect of the speech was to bring down the funds. The most serious apprehensions of famine are entertained, in consequence of the continued scarcity and high prices of corn and provisions in France. Serious riots have taken place in the provinces among the poor, who attacked bread shops—Troops were called out. The French budget for 1845 shows a deficiency of sixty million of francs.

Four steamers laden with corn had foundered in the Rhone, on their way to Lyons; one of them contained 2000 sacks of wheat, and sank under the enormous weight of her cargo.

Spain.—Accounts from Madrid to 11th ult speak of a change in the ministry as likely to take place. The Spanish cortes were opened on the 31st of December. The queen's speech recommends liberal provisions for clergy and church.

Among the Swiss cantons further trouble is apprehended. Two leaders of the popular or liberal party have been arrested at Friburg by order of the government, the locus was sounded, and the villagers assembled, marched into Friburg, singing the Marseillaise hymn, and demanding the release of the prisoners, which was finally granted.

Portugal.—The Migueles under McDowell had been defeated at Braga, with a loss of 240 killed, the queen's troops losing but 40.

The Spanish government had received information that a large quantity of arms had recently been introduced into that country, for what purpose it was not stated.

Italy.—The popularity of the pope continues unabated. He has recently raised the wages of laborers, and given directions for extensive drainage works.

Sweden.—Much excitement has been created in the diplomatic saloons by a protest against the incorporation of Cracow, which Baron de Holschield, the Swedish ambassador, has presented to the Austrian government, on the part of King Oscar, in his quality of guarantying party to the treaty of Vienna.

Poland, by an order of the imperial government, has really ceased to exist, and is to be incorporated with the Russian empire. Warsaw is in a state of consternation. The Russian general Rogdow now occupies the frontiers of the old republic of Cracow with 10,000 troops. Austria is alarmed at this movement.

The successes of the Russians in the Caucasus, has been much less decisive than has been represented by the Russian journals; and has not had the effect to discourage the mountaineers from further efforts for their independence.

The cohorts continue to make frightful ravages throughout nearly the whole of Greece.

Greece.—In a letter it is stated that Prince Metternich had proposed to the other powers to suppress the existing constitution in Greece, and to place it by one similar to those enjoyed by the small German states; that Austria would accomplish this feat by marching 100,000 troops into Greece; and that subsequently the Greek regular army should be incorporated with that of Austria. To this proposition England alone has refused to consent.

Turkey.—Several important changes in the ministry have taken place, which may lead to a crisis in the government. The revolutionary movement under Mahomet, in Bosnia, has been put down by the Turkish government. The chiefs were shot.

North Carolina Federalism. The Legislature of N. Carolina, with its Whig majority, has refused to vote ten thousand dollars appropriation for her regiment of volunteers, unless a denunciation of the war was tacked on to it. They have shown their Federalism still further, and by an act, have taken from the officers of the regiment the choice of their field officers and given it to the Whig Governor. He selected three opponents of the war, two of them members of the Legislature, who joined in the vote denouncing it. Thereupon the men proved themselves to be men, and seven companies have refused to go into the field under those African American leaders, and demanded officers they can trust, and have, it is understood, applied to the President to be placed in the line, where they can fight under officers in whom they can place confidence. We trust that the President, with his characteristic promptness in such matters, will meet this case, and place these gallant men in the position they deserve, and let the Governor's Officers seek for a regiment in Santa Anna's army, if they like. The spirit of the men, who have enlisted, may be judged from the fact that one of them resigned an office under the United States, with a salary of \$2000, to raise a company, and another, formerly Speaker of the House, resigned his seat in the Senate, and though chosen Major by the troops, is now in the ranks by the prompt conduct of the Governor, to command a company over his head, instead of being a lieutenant.

Gen. Gaines. The New York correspondent of the Boston Post, in alluding to a recent visit to the head quarters of Gen. Gaines in that city, says—

"During my conversation with Gen. Gaines I said to him, 'Pray, General, tell me were the militia men sent under you in the year 1812, like the volunteers of this generation?'"

"Exactly the same, sir; there was no difference."

"And tell me, General, do you think that volunteers can be depended upon like regulars?"

The venerable soldier seemed to be inspired with new order by the interrogatory; for, raising his hand and his voice most emphatically, he said to me,

"I swear to you, sir, that during the thirty-two engagements that I have had in my lifetime with the enemy, I never knew one to flinch or betray a symptom of cowardice, sir; they are universally brave and heroic. They fight like lions, not as mercenaries."

Gen. Gaines sent to Gen. Taylor, by the hands of Mr. Thayer, editor of the Boston Range Conservator, the sack which was worn by Braddock on the day of his defeat. It is as big as an ordinary hammock, is made of red silk, and has wrought in its middle the figure of the date at which it was made, 1707. Mr. Thayer says that, notwithstanding its age as 130 years, its color and texture have not in the least deteriorated, but that it is, in some places, the dark stain of blood which flowed from the wound of which Braddock died.

At a ball in Wisconsin, a gentleman was finding a fault with a lady, when by a slight deviation from the geometry of the figure, he came in contact with one of those large ornaments worn by the lady, commonly known without being named. However unavoidable the accident might have been, an apology was of course necessary. "I beg your pardon, madam," said he, "I believe I ran into your wheel-house."

Death of Monroe Edwards. Monroe Edwards, known for his crimes through the whole country, died on Friday morning in the Sing Sing prison, New York. His disease was originally, it was said, of the lungs. He had been delirious for the last three weeks, and he finally died in much agony a raving maniac.

An exchange says it knows two words in our language that combine more of the sublime and the ridiculous than any others that can be selected from the whole vocabulary. They are "President—Pole." [Boston Journal.]

There are many words in the whig language that will not combine at all with President. [Post.]

That Pope. The new Pope of Rome will be killed yet. He is getting to be one of the greatest reformers in the world. He has just abolished the custom of kissing the cross on his slipper, commonly called kissing the Pope's toe, and extends his hand to be kissed. That's doing away the venerable a little too fast.

Hon. Dixon B. Lewis, senator of the United States, from Alabama, is unable, from illness, to attend the Senate; and it is much to be feared that his indisposition may assume a character which will deprive the country of his valuable services the remainder of the session.

U. S. Senator from Michigan. Alpheus Felch, Esq., has been elected United States Senator from Michigan, for six years from the 4th of March next. Mr. F. is the present Governor of the State, and will succeed Gov. Woodbridge who was also appointed while Governor.

Demosthenes being asked why he was such a coward in battle, said "his indignation was always so strong that while fighting, his feelings were sure to run away with him." Demosthenes was notorious for his eloquence.

The Wisconsin State Constitution, provides that a citizen's opinion upon religion cannot render him ineligible for any office, or weaken his testimony in court.

TEMPERANCE CONVENTION. Oxford County Washington Convention will meet at Livermore Corner on Monday, the 23d of February, at one o'clock A. M. agreeably to adjournment. Every society is earnestly requested to send in a full delegation, as there will be business of importance before the Convention. THOMAS CHASE, Secretary.

From the Boston Mercantile Journal, Jan. 1-45

WISTAR'S BALSAM OF WILD CHERRY. There are so many "certain cures" for coughs, colds, and even consumptions, that we are sometimes disposed to question the efficacy of any of them. Mr. Seth W. Fowler, a druggist of the highest reputation, at 128 Washington street, has the agency of an article called Balsam of Wild Cherry, which seems to have won for itself a good reputation wherever it has been introduced. We have seen letters from various parts of New England, from persons of the highest standing in the places where they reside, bearing testimony to the benefit themselves or friends had received from a trial of its properties.

Extract from a letter dated Petersburg, Va., Jan. 15, 1845.

A gentleman of unquestionable veracity informs us that his brother had been confined to his bed for weeks with some species of cough, that baffled the skill of several eminent physicians, and by the use of two bottles of

Dr. Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry, he has been restored to perfect health, and he is now "a fat and hearty man."

Yours, respectfully, ROSSER & ANDERSON, Druggists.

MARRIED.

In No. H. Annals, by D. G. Coffin, Esq., Sigs. Cohen to Miss Laura Forbes, formerly of the town of New York, Mr. Peter Grant, to Miss Anna Pratt, of Oxford, Me.

In Andover, 4th inst., by Rev Mr. Packard, of Norway, Rev Thomas G. Mitchell to Miss Laura Ann Packard, both of Andover.

In Stoneham, by G. W. Rand, Esq. Mr. S. Pottle, of Stoneham, to Miss Nancy H. Hamlin, of Lowell.

DIED.

In Minst. Mrs. Hannah Yeaton aged 82 years. In Dixfield, Decatur Wm. Mass. aged 76 years.

Notice of Foreclosure.

WHEREAS, THOMAS STONE, of Waterford, in the County of Oxford, on the fifteenth day of July, A. D. 1841, by his deed of Mortgage of that date, executed and recorded in Vol. 28, page 209, of the Registry of Deeds in said County of Oxford, conveyed to me a certain parcel of land situate in said Waterford, and described as follows, to-wit: beginning at a stake in the ground on the west Southernly side of the road leading from the house formerly occupied by Ezra J. Wood to Oliver Adams, on the Western side of the bridge near the turn in the wall, and running forty-five degrees West four rods twelve and a half links to a stake and stones, thence South forty five degrees East crossing the main stream to a heap of stones near the Elm tree five rods and eleven links, thence north forty-four degrees east four rods and sixteen links to the above, and to a stake and stones, thence on the most Southernly side of said road to the first mentioned stake, to secure the payment of a certain note bearing even date with the mortgage for the sum of six hundred and seventy-five dollars, payable in three equal annual payments, with interest, annually. The condition in said mortgage having been broken by reason of non-payment of said note, I claim to hold the same for condition broken, from this date.

NATHAN JEWELL, Junr. Dixfield, February 6, 1847.

Sheriff's Sale.

WHEREAS, on Execution, and will be sold public Auction on Saturday, the sixth day of March, 1847, as per return A. M. at the lot of Capt. Samuel Merrill in Dixfield. All the Right in Equity or Redemption which SAMUEL WEBSTER has of redeeming the Farm which he now occupies, situated in Dixfield, being the same he purchased of Wm. Morse.

ISAAC PARK, Deputy Sheriff. Dixfield, January 30th, 1847.

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice to all concerned, that he has been duly appointed and taken upon himself the trust of Administrator of the estate of

THOMAS COOLIDGE. Late of Livermore, in the County of Oxford, deceased, by giving bond to the law directed. He therefore requests all persons who are indebted to the said deceased, to make immediate payment; and those who have any demands thereon to exhibit the same to

WILLIAM COOLIDGE, Executor. Livermore, Jan. 6, 1847.

State of Maine.

Oxford, ss: District Court for the Western District, Nov. Term, 1846.

Alfred Andrews, Plaintiff, vs. A. L. Mayhew, Defendant.

ON a plea of the case, for that the said Mayhew at Paris on the twenty-fourth day of March, A. D. 1845, by his promissory note of that date by him signed for value received, promised the said PTF, the sum of twenty dollars in January then next. Also, that the said Defendant at Paris being indebted to the PTF in the sum of seven dollars fifty for money lent by the PTF to the Def., and in seven dollars and fifty cents for money received by the Def. to the use of the PTF, at the Defendant's request; for a long time before then elapsed—in consideration thereof promised to pay the said several sums of money to the PTF on demand. Yet the Defendant, though often requested, has not paid said sums to the PTF, but neglects and refuses so to do. In the damage of the said PTF (as he says) the sum of sixty dollars.

ON the above action the Court order that the PTF cause the above mentioned A. L. Mayhew to be notified of the pendency of this suit by publishing, 3 weeks successively, in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed at Paris, in said County, an attested copy or abstract of the Writ and Declaration, and this Order of Court thereon, the last publication to be thirty days at least before the next term of this Court, to be held at Paris, within and for said County of Oxford, on the second and Tuesday of June, A. D. 1847, that he may then and there, in said Court, appear and show cause (if any he have) why judgment in said action should not be rendered against him, and execution issue accordingly. Attest—CHARLES ANDREWS, Clerk.

A true copy or abstract of the Writ and Declaration with the Order of Court thereon.

Attest—CHARLES ANDREWS, Clerk.

Springfield Academy.

THE SPRING TERM of this Institution will commence, Monday, March 8th, and continue nine weeks, under the direction of F. FOSTER, as Principal. Such additional teachers will be employed as the interests of the School may require.

Tuitions.—Greek and Latin Languages, \$3.00. English Branches, 2.50.

Boards, including washing, room rent, wood and lights, may be obtained in good families, from \$1.25 to \$2.25 per week. For Order.

To the Hon. Justice of the Western District Court, to be held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the second Tuesday of November, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six.

THE Petition of Wm. Minor, Junr. R. Adams and R. C. WINTHROP, all of Boston, County of Suffolk, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executors and Trustees under the Will of Thomas L. Wintthrop, late of said Boston, deceased, humbly sheweth that they are all interested and hold in common and undivided with GALEX MURRAY and other persons to your petitioners unknown, one undivided fourth part of a parcel of land situated in Township number Two, now called Franklin Plantation, in the County of Oxford, described and bounded as follows to-wit: Beginning at the South East corner of said Township number Two, now Franklin Plantation, thence North eighty three and one half degrees West on the line of the town of Sumner and said number Two, two hundred rods to the South East corner of Lot numbered Eight in Elder South Grant, thence on the East line of said lot one hundred and sixty rods to the North East corner of said lot numbered Eight, thence South eighty-three and one half degrees East two hundred rods to the South East corner of lot numbered Fourteen in said Elder's Grant, thence on the Eastern line of said lot numbered Fourteen one hundred and sixty rods to the North East corner of said lot numbered Fourteen, thence South eighty three and one half degrees East six hundred and nine rods to the line of Woodstock, thence North and one half degrees East one hundred and sixty rods to the South West corner of lot numbered Eight in Milton Academy Grant, thence North seventy-three and one half degrees East on said Milton Academy Grant line nine hundred rods to the line of Purn, thence South fourteen degrees East six hundred rods to the line of the town of Sumner, containing six hundred and seventy acres.

Also, one other undivided fourth part of a parcel of land and estate situated in said Township numbered Two described and bounded as follows, to-wit: Beginning by Milton Academy Grant, and Southernly by the Gorge, lying Northernly of Milton Academy Grant, containing eight hundred acres.

Wherefore they pray your Honor to order and cause partition to be made of said real estate and that their proportion thereof may be set off to be by them held in severally according to law in such cases provided.

JOHN R. ADAM, WM. MINOT, ROBT C. WINTHROP.

STATE OF MAINE.

Oxford, ss: At a District Court, Western District, begun and holden at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the second Tuesday of November, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and forty six.

ON the Petition aforesaid, Ordered, That notice be given by publishing an attested copy of said Petition and this Order of Court thereon three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed in the City of Portland, and in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed at Paris, and by causing the same to be read in open Court, and by leaving the same at his last and usual place of abode. Each of the last publications to be thirty days, at least, and said petition and this Order of Court to be served at next term of Court before the second Tuesday of June, A. D. 1847, that all persons interested may attend and be heard if they think proper.

Attest—CHARLES ANDREWS, Clerk. A true copy of the Petition and Order of Court thereon.

Attest—CHARLES ANDREWS, Clerk.

5 Chests Souhang, 5 " Ningyong, 5 " Superior Articles, just received from New York, and for sale by BROWN & CO.

Steep Falls, Norway, Feb. 6, 1847.

Notice of Foreclosure.

WHEREAS, RUSSELL P. DENNETT, formerly of Sweden, in the County of Oxford and State of Maine, by his deed of Mortgage dated November 18th, A. D. 1841, conveyed to me a certain tract or parcel of land situated in said Sweden, and described as follows, to-wit: The Northernly half of the Lot of land numbered twenty four in the third Division of Lots in said Sweden.

And, whereas the condition of said Mortgage has been broken, I hereby give this public notice to enforce the same, agreeably to the Statute in such cases made and provided.

Sweden, January 22, 1847. JAMES G. PORTER.

Cash Paid.

FOR HEADS GRASS AND CLOVER SEED, by BROWN & CO. Steep Falls, Norway, Jan. 19, 1847.

Norway Liberal Institute.

THE First Term of this Institution will commence on Wednesday, the tenth day of March next, and continue Three Weeks.

The course of instruction will be as extensive as in Seminars of high standing, or of long established celebrity. The studies to be taught are—Greek, Latin, French, Spanish, German, Italian; also, the various branches of Common and Higher English, particularly those that constitute a Business Education. Familiar Lectures on the Natural Sciences will be frequently given during the Term.

A Teacher's Class will be formed, and receive instruction by special recitations and oral lectures.

TUITION.

Common English, \$3.00. Higher, 4.00. Languages, 4.50. Music, Piano and Guitar, (extra), 5.00. Penmanship, 1.00.

For less than half a term, thirty or forty cents per week will be charged, according to the studies pursued. Board, in families, for gentlemen, \$1.25 to \$1.50; for ladies, \$1.00 to \$1.25 per week. Besides, measures will be taken to provide students with facilities for boarding themselves, at a considerable saving of expense.

TEACHERS. EBERHART P. HISS, A. B. Principal. JACOB W. BROWN, Vice Principal. ALICE MARY A. A. ADAMS, Teacher of Music. ISAIAH H. BAKER, Teacher of Penmanship. N. B.—For particulars apply to the Principal, who resides at Stevens' Plains (Westbrook.) Stevens' Plains, Jan. 26, 1846. Gw39

The New Store, STEEP FALLS, NORWAY, REOPENED.

THE subscribers having refitted the Store at Steep Falls, Norway, recently occupied by Messrs. A. C. DANSON & CO., are now opening an entire

New Stock of Goods,

CONSISTING OF A GENERAL ASSORTMENT OF Dry Goods, West India Goods, Groceries, Medicines, Paints, Dye Stuffs, Crockery and Glass Ware, Stoves, Agricultural Tools, Bar Iron, Steel, &c.

They flatter themselves that their facilities for purchasing in the New York, Boston and other markets, will enable them to afford their goods at very low prices, and they will be satisfied with the smallest possible rate of profits.

Their Stock embraces a great variety of Goods, both in quality and price, and they do not intend to be undersold by any trader in the County. They do not expect to give character to their establishment by offering a few common articles at cheap rates, so much as by the uniform good quality and cheapness of the whole.

Their Stock embraces too great a variety to attempt an enumeration of the articles; but the Goods are cheap, and they are to be sold, both at WHOLESALE and RETAIL.

All kinds of Produce taken in payment—and the cash not refused.

BROWN & CO. Steep Falls, Norway, Jan. 15, 1847.

Dr. Wood's SARSAPARILLA AND WILD CHERRY BITTERS.

For the permanent removal of all such diseases as take their rise in an Impure Blood, Impaired Digestion, Morbid state of the Liver and Stomach, Headache of the Nervous System, and Disorders of the Constitution generally.

DR. WOOD'S Sarsaparilla and Wild Cherry Bitters, have already, by their salutary effects, won a degree of public favor and patronage, which puts them beyond the need of recommendation. Being faithfully prepared of the most excellent materials, they can be fully relied on by all in need of a truly purgative and tonic. It is a blood purifier, and a high rank among Physicians and all others in the list of curative agents, and it is this fact which has rendered it so successfully popular over all other medicines of the day. In Dr. Wood's standard preparation, it is warranted to be found in great purity and strength, and is gaining much by its efficacy in the Wild Cherry, a tonic of the first order. This happy combination is the only one ever made of these articles, and bounded as it is on the basis of medical principles, and their virtues extracted by a rigid chemical analysis, experience has shown its unusual power and efficacy.

This preparation will be found useful, to a large and spreading remedy for the diseases enumerated above. They purify the blood, secure regular digestion, promote a healthy action of the Liver and Stomach, and strengthen the nerves, at once securing health and vigor to the whole system. In all cases of debility, arising from Indigestion or Nervous Irritation, they have been used with remarkable success; nor are they less useful as a remedy for Headache, Flatulency, a cold Appetite, and a general prostration of the system. At the same time, it must be stated, that they are neither violent nor at all dangerous in their operation, securing, as they do, the desired end, by a steady, regular and easy influence. Taken daily, in doses prescribed, they will be found to operate in that gentle and salutary manner, which is, in fact, their highest recommendation. The following certificates, among many others which have been received from the most respectable sources, furnish satisfactory proof of the value and efficacy of this highly popular medicine.

Salem, Sept. 4, 1844.

Ma. E. THORNTON, JR.

Dear Sir—This is to certify that my daughter has been troubled with Dyspepsia for a number of years, attended with constant headaches and other distressing symptoms which necessary this disease. She visited Boston to avail herself of the most celebrated physicians of that city, all to no purpose. By the solicitation of a friend, I was induced to purchase a bottle of Dr. Wood's Sarsaparilla and Wild Cherry Bitters. Be lieving that one bottle she would recover entirely of the headache, and after taking two or three bottles, the other symptoms entirely disappeared.

N. B. GIBBS, North Fairbairn, Long Plain, June 16, 1846.

Ma. E. THORNTON, JR.

Dear Sir—My daughter has been for more than two years afflicted with a confirmed Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint, together with a nervous and constant headache. During this time, she was constantly attended by the most skilled and intelligent physicians, but with little or no relief, until we found the disease was rapidly taking the form of confirmed consumption. At this time, I determined to have recourse to Dr. Wood's Sarsaparilla and Wild Cherry Bitters, as prepared by you, and it given me the most abundant assurance to state, that after the use of a few bottles, my daughter was happily restored to health. I have the highest confidence in this medicine, and shall cheerfully recommend it to my friends.

Very truly yours, ANSEL WHITE.

The rare described in the above certificate of Mr. White, is by no means a singular case. There are hundreds who have been cured from the most acute and long continued disease by the use of this excellent and highly popular remedy. The proprietor recommends it to the public with the utmost confidence, for in all cases where it has had a fair trial, it has succeeded beyond the expectations of the patient or even his friends. The remedy is perfectly safe, and the only one of a few bottles, which it is prepared, and the only one of a few bottles, which it is prepared, and the only one of a few bottles, which it is prepared.

Be particularly and ask for Dr. Wood's Sarsaparilla and Wild Cherry Bitters, and receive no other.

E. THORNTON, JR., sole Proprietor, New Bedford, Mass. Paris, Hall & Dole, New York. EDWARD MASON, Portland, and sold by Agents throughout the New England States.

Pch. 16, 1847.

WANTED.

In payment of arrears for the Democrat, Advertising, &c.

